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Ms. Flanagan:

In response to the Office Action Mailed January 5, 2004, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.